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President's Message

This is now July and everybody is planning either a trip to the RCNA Convention or some Rest and Relaxation somewhere. If you are coming to Ottawa, I'll be very happy to meet with you and I hope that you'll attend our AGM—CAWMC Breakfast.

Every year, you are encouraged to let your President know of any CAWMC member you feel is deserving of recognition. There is still time to contact me and let your choice of deserving person(s) be known. These awards will be presented at the AGM—CAWMC Breakfast to be held this year at the Delta Ottawa City Centre, Ottawa, at the RCNA convention, hosted by the Ottawa Numismatic Society / Société numismatique d' Ottawa, on Saturday July 23. The program of events, hotel info, and exhibition info is available at www.rcna.ca/2016. This is the convention medal, themed "Celebrating Canada's Military Heritage."

On another front, our Editor, Judy Blackman, after an extensive research, has found the CAWMC's Constitution and By-Laws, adopted at the AGM in 1976. The constitution and by-laws will be reviewed and updated, and any change should be presented to the members through *Timber Talk* and voted on at our AGM in 2017. Our Annual General Meeting agenda appears in this *Timber Talk*. Please read below about our editor's challenge, designed and sponsored by our Editor. It is designed to encourage current members to recruit friends, fellow collectors and family to join our ranks. We are fun people and a fun organization to belong to, let it be known!

Have a good summer everybody. Think of your association and drop us a line about your holiday's wooden discoveries! You can reach me at France D. Waychison, P.O. Box 466, Timmins ON P4N 7E3 or at france@waychison.com. Bye for now. See you in Ottawa!

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France

Editor's Challenge

Judy Blackman, our Editor, would like to invite CAWMC members to bring in new members. Each CAWMC member bringing one (1) new member will **receive a prize**. If the same CAWMC member refers three (3) or more members, this person will **receive a special prize**. If one of the new member pays two (2) years (or more) dues up front, the referring member will **receive an additional reward**. This challenge is in place July 2016 running through the end of June 2017. All prizes are graciously provided by our Editor. CAWMC members have to ensure that the new member(s) confirm who referred them to CAWMC, and that Judy is informed so that she can promptly send the rewards to the referring CAWMC member(s).



GO TAKE THE
CHALLENGE Today!



Past Presidents:

2006–2015: Al Munro
 2003–2005: Norm Belsten
 2001–2003: Earl Salterio*
 1995–2001: Lou Vesh
 1991–1995: Pat White*
 1985–1991: Norm Belsten
 1983–1985: Neil Probert
 1981–1983: Stanley Clute
 1979–1981: Don Robb
 1977–1979: Victor Hall*
 1975–1977: Garry Braunwarth

The C.A.W.M.C. was founded on **January 1st, 1975**, by **Garry Braunwarth** (C-1) (pictured below) and **Victor B. Hall** (C-2) in Calgary, Alberta. In addition to the founders, these are the 43 other original charter members.

C- 3 George Parfet
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 C-44 Robert S. Ross
 C-45 Norman R. Belsten

Garry Braunwarth >>



WEM—ME AND MY CAR

Free Wood of the Month of July 2016 reported by Ross Kingdon

Me And My Car G/F \$1 OFF / Car WEST EDMONTON MALL PHASE III (8300 - 081) from Edmonton 1992 given to me many years ago by the late Pat White Black / Black, R-1, 38mm - 15,000 is our July 2016 featured woods. Now it's odd this 1992 wood refers to Phase III which was in 1985. It was Phase IV that would have been in 1992. Possibly this was an error wood? Al Munro feels it refers to the area in the mall where the store was.



The history of WEM is the story of a proud and resourceful family with a long, rich history. It begins in the late 1940s, when the Ghermezians left their homeland for New York. In the '50s, they began to move north and west. Jacob Ghermezian, the family patriarch, sent his eldest sons to Montreal where they were educated and re-established the family business, selling Persian rugs. In the '60s and '70s decided to settle in Edmonton. In the late '70s they hatched the idea of WEM. The Mall opened in September 1981 with Phase I. It was 1,140,560 square feet and featured 220 stores and services. Phase II opened in September 1983 and increased the size of the Mall by 1,129,800 square feet. Phase II brought the Ice Palace Skating Rink, Galaxyland Amusement Park and another 240 shops and services.

Phase III opened in September 1985. World Waterpark, Deep Sea Adventure, Dolphin Lagoon, Sea Life Caverns and Professor Wem's Adventure Golf all became a reality with Phase III and the Mall grew to a total of 5.2 million square feet, occupying a total land mass of 120 acres. In 1986, with the opening of the highly anticipated Fantasyland Hotel, another 12 storeys were added. Innovative and unique, this hotel offered guests the opportunity to travel the world in its five theme room styles. During the '90s, Phase IV opened and included mega-versions of Chapters, Starbucks, HMV and Scotiabank Theatre/IMAX 3D Theatre. West Edmonton Mall Inn opened across the street in 1999 to accommodate the increasing number of tourists.

The largest Antique Car Club is in Edmonton and in 1992 held a car show at the mall.



Ward & Bess Packard on their honeymoon

Upcoming Featured Woods: (note: if we receive a donation of a NEW wood, we will insert it and push the schedule out farther)

- ◆ France 2016 RCNA convention – August 2016
- ◆ West Edmonton Coin & Stamp – September 2016
- ◆ Medicine Hat 2016 – October 2016
- ◆ Edmonton Boston Pizza Grey Cup (8300 - 121) black/black 38mm from 2010 -The annual Grey Cup Canadian football championship is always held in late Nov.
- ◆ Art Stephenson Xmas Wood – Dec–December 2016— I have at least four woods from the collection of the late Art Stephenson given to me by Al Munro. We'll feature his (5076-023) Camels Xmas year 2008 45mm gold/green
- ◆ West Edmonton Coin & Stamp – January 2017
- ◆ Sunday Calgary Coin Club 2016 - February 2017
- ◆ Your Team (8140 - 430) 38mm blue/blue Calgary from Al Munro - March 2017

Herein Lies a Tale! by David "Rusty" Phillips

A wood has “surfaced” with a mysterious past!!

It has, as shown below, an attribution to a mythical location, e.g.: Dawson Creek, Y.T. (Yukon Territory)??

From reputable sources, there is NO Dawson Creek (village, town nor creek) in the Yukon Territory...

The mystery compounds, as there is a Yukon Inn, but it has and always has been in Whitehorse, Yukon...

Inquiries to sources in Dawson City, Yukon, also have confirmed there never has been a Yukon Inn in that city...

The only definitive Dawson Creek is a small town in northeastern British Columbia. Sources there have advised that never has there been a Yukon Inn located in that town...

The wood is about 30mm in size and is octagonal in shape.

Unfortunately, the scan of this wood is not great. However it is possible to see the right facing buffalo, and the writing, E Pluribus Unum, under the Buffalo, on the obverse side. The reverse side is clear and easy to read.

So, really, where did this wood come from??

Can anyone help solve this mystery??



Nova Scotia's Annapolis Adventure

The County of Annapolis Adventure Quest has a geocache passport program to get folks outside and exploring Annapolis County and learning how fun geocaching can be. If you participate, you look for 10 geocaches throughout the county. The goal is to retrieve the hidden word in each geocache. You fill in your passport each time you find 1 of the 10 caches until you have completed all 10. The first 100 people to complete and submit the Geocache Passport received this limited edition 2015 wooden nickel trackable coin. Association of Nova Scotia Geocaching Passports were attainable from 3 Nova Scotia county offices: Annapolis Royal, Bridgetown, and Lawrencetown.

Obverse legend: COUNTY of ANNAPOLIS 2015 NATURALLY ROOTED.

Reverse legend: PCRXXO TRACK AT GEOCACHING.COM Adventure Quest be Active and have fun!



Goshen 250

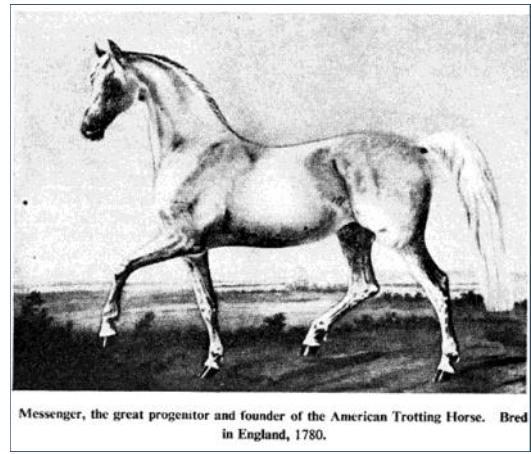


At first site most harness-racing fans would assume this well-preserved 52 year-old wooden token (issued by the Goshen Chamber of Commerce) and the first day cover are for the Goshen racetrack. But actually its for Goshen, New York a community which celebrated 250 years in 1964, a village of 5,000 people in rural Orange County (about 50 miles northwest of New York City) which becomes the harness-racing capital of the world each year on the Fourth of July weekend. However, the racetrack should not be overlooked, as in 1988, it celebrated its 150th anniversary. Goshen held a 4-day celebrating July 1-4, 1988. There was 250 horse owners, trainers and drivers, who came to the historic track to win glory and cash in 60 races over the weekend, with total purses of about \$275,000. There was also gloom on the horizon as representatives of the state's 7 commercial harness-racing tracks indicated they were facing financial disaster due to falling attendance and betting caused by state-operated off-track betting parlors.

Goshen is considered the Founding Father Harness Track as harness racing began in Goshen with the arrival from England in 1788 of the founding father of trotters and pacers, Imported Messenger. Almost all harness-racing horses today descend from this Hall of Fame Trotter. Harness horses (Standardbreds) are driven by riders in flimsy two-wheeled carriages (sulkies). Pacers run with the right front leg and right rear leg moving forward at the same time. Trotters run by moving legs diagonally, with the right front and left rear legs forward at the same time.

Goshen track was the site of the famed Hambletonian race (1930-1956). New York state has seen the largest decline of harness racing in the U.S. This is primarily due to the state lottery, off-tracking betting, and proximity to Atlantic City. Over the years the 7 commercial tracks in the state have requested tax relief to avoid financial ruin.

Boarded up pari-mutuel windows testify to the fact that the Goshen historic track is not a commercial track. Betting has been prohibited since the land was donated by its owners, the Harriman family, in 1978 to a non-profit organization. One of the reasons the track is surviving is a mecca of young owners and drivers making a living by breeding and racing horses.





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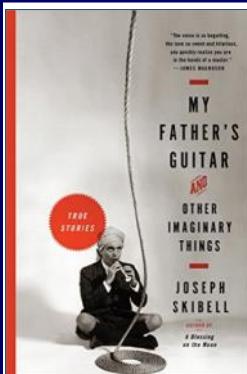
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Ottawa Coin Society 2016 RCNA Convention

Obverse black: OTTAWA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Société numismatique d'Ottawa. The reverse includes: OTTAWA 2016 with the website www.RCNA2016-ARNC.COM. This appears to be an failed wood. The website on it does not exist. The RCNA's 2016 convention page is <http://www.rcna.ca/2016/index.php>. The ONS convention website is <http://ons-sno.ca/rcna2016arnc/>.

Website and Domain deep investigation shows the www.RCNA2016-ARNC.COM site was moved permanently. It will not and is not referring. The overall printing is poor in that the foil (or ink) is rubbing off in several places. Norm Belsten confirmed 200 of these were made for the RCNA convention 2015 kits given out in Halifax (N.S.) as an advanced promotion of the 2016 event.



Imaginary Things

Joseph Skibell advises us to see page 134 of "Wooden Nickels" in "My Father's Guitar & Other Imaginary Things" (@Algonquin Books) in regard to this wooden token. The reverse of the wood reads: the BABY TIGER CREATOR, PROGRAMMER, MARKET MASTER, "BRAINS" BANKER The First Man with the Trillion Dollar Mind.



In the press kit for Skibell's book, he says, "In the wake of my father's death, I became a little obsessed with guitars, and in the summer of 2009, I took my daughter Samantha on a road trip across North America, visiting master guitar-builders. (...) I was searching for my father's imaginary guitar. (...) Sami was eighteen, newly graduated from high school, and the trip became a kind of rolling meditation on family, mortality, and the end of childhood. (...) Though the fleeting hours of our days are filled with small events, the meaning of those hours is large, mythic, profound — epic, in fact." You can learn more about Skibell's publications at this website: <http://www.josephskibell.com/>.



Molly

This is the stamp used to make the wood, and the actual finished wood. The artist says, "I just finished a new batch. My wife's caching name is MollyGSP & Me. The pic is me with my head cut off, my wife, and our dog, Molly. Kinda has a rustic feel to it, which I like. I did some on blanks I cut from a tree branch." Lady Molly Brown was a German Shorthaired Pointer who loved going for hikes. Visit her memorial page at <http://hobojeepers.tripod.com/molly.htm>. Only contact info for owner in New Hampshire, United States is through the geocaching group.



Which Ken Is The Laser Artist ?

These woods are beautiful art, and lovely keepsakes! Kenneth "Ken" Rieck an internet blogger, a journalist for Alaska Dispatch News, and Anchorage Correspondent for the Alaskan Token Collector & Polar Numismatist has issued his own laser-engraved woods for a number of years not to be confused with Ken Harris of Alaska operating 'Ken's Coins & Alaskana' on eBay since 1998 – YET all of these woods are sold on eBay under kharrisak dealer, and they all show on the listing My Alaska Themed Wood for 2015 (2012, 2013, 2014). So it's unclear re K Harris and K Rieck or if both are behind these terrific tokens. The e-mail address on the woods 'canuck@ak.net' has been black-listed for sending unwanted SPAM, and is coded 'not to trust the site'. The 2012 honours the dog-sled races, 2013 is referred to as Sun Fish, 2014 remembers 1964 earthquake and tsunami, and 2015 celebrates Anchorage's Centennial. Looking forward to seeing the wood put out for 2016!



Larry Leaves A Legacy

The first "formal" wooden tokens catalogue in Canada was produced June 1979 led by Norman E. Wells with 60 contributors (and partially sponsored by the CAWMC and others like James Charlton), the likes of J. Douglas Ferguson, James E. Charlton, Ronald A. Greene, Ross W. Irwin, and 56 others submitted. I have a personally signed autographed version of the full catalogue from the first issue of Well's catalogue. Now Larry Gingras also did part of it. He contributed his own fully-illustrated Wooden Money Of Canada 40 page book (with 182 pictures) which was published in 1961 by the Vancouver Numismatic Society (- the book is still available from the Toronto Library). From 1963 to late 1979s Larry issued illustrated supplements for the catalogue every 2 years. Scott E. Douglas (FRCNA, FCNRS, FONA, GKStE), on June 1, 2016 gave me an original issue of Gingras' book. In 1975 Larry authored a book 117 pages you can get on Amazon "Medals Tokens and Paper Money of the Hudson Bay Company." Also a 22 page "Paper Money of Hudson Bay" booklet. In 1972 he published a 30 page book "The Beaver Club Jewels," and he written on North Vancouver City Ferries & Their Tokens, JOP dollars (Joseph Oliva Patenaude, Jeweler from Nelson, B.C.), counter-marked coins and tokens and other topics as well. In 1959, Jack Griffin along with Larry Gingras authored a CNA Journal article of the "Portrait Varieties of Canadian Victoria Large Cents," nearly 8 years before Jim Haxby's articles appeared. Larry was born in 1915 – before his death in the 1980s, he resided in Richmond (B.C.). This 1963 RCNA / VNS convention medal reverse depicts The Lions (twin mountain peaks of the North Shore coastal range, with the Lion's Gate Suspension bridge in the foreground), and this medal

was designed by Larry Gingras, Leslie C. Hill, and Lawrence Kristmanson. It was struck by Pressed Metal Products of Vancouver. Larry was the founder of the Canadian Numismatic Research Society (CRNS) in 1964.



In Larry's 1961 wooden money catalogue he notes on this Spruce Dollar left: These dollars were distributed from the float (BC Telephone Company) entered by the Prince George Chamber of Commerce in the 1958 Grey Cup parade held in Vancouver. They are made from 1/4 inch White Spruce as are all Prince George dollars. The 46th Grey Cup was held on Nov. 29th in Empire Stadium in Vancouver.





History of CAWMC *Timber Talk* Newsletter Editors

Jan. 1975 – Sept. 1979
Garry Braunwarth

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Stan Clute

Aug. 1981 – July 1983
Albert Kasman

Aug. 1983 – Oct. 1992
Garry Braunwarth

Nov. 1992 – Dec. 1994
Lou Vesh

Jan. 1995 – Aug. 2008
Ross Kingdon
(14 years!!!)



Above is a Dan Gosling photo
of Ross Kingdon

Sept. 2008 – Dec. 2009
Tony Hine

Jan. 2010 – Aug. 2010
Norm Belsten

Sept. 2010 – Current
Judy Blackman, F.O.N.A.

Agenda for CAWMC Annual Breakfast & General Meeting

to be held Saturday, July 23, 2016 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Location: Delta Ottawa City Centre, Ottawa, Pinnacle – Penthouse Level

A) BREAKFAST

- ◆ Welcome
- ◆ Grace
- ◆ Moment of silence for deceased members
- ◆ Tickets for 50-50 draw and door prizes are now for sale
- ◆ Enjoy breakfast



B) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- ◆ Call to order, confirm quorum
- ◆ 1. Approval of agenda
- ◆ 2. Approval of minutes of meeting held on July 25, 2015
- ◆ 3. Reports:
 - ◆ a) President's report
 - ◆ b) Treasurer's report
- ◆ Motion to approve reports
- ◆ 4. Fundraising
- ◆ 5. Awards
- ◆ 6. New Business:
 - ◆ a) Editor's challenge
 - ◆ b) Woods Catalogue update
- ◆ Call for adjournment



C) DRAWS and AUCTION

ONA Twin?

This is the 2015 Otsego Numismatic Association wood, and note it shows the acronym ONA for the organization.



Otsego Numismatic Association

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Meetings

Meetings are usually the 3rd Sunday of each month with the following exceptions.

1. March we host our annual show on the second Sunday.
2. July we do not meet because of many people on vacation.
3. December we do not meet because of the Christmas holidays.

The other 9 months our regular meetings are held at the:

Sixth Ward Athletic Club
22 West Broadway
Oneonta, NY 13820



2016 RCC Wood

This is the 2016 Raleigh Coin Club (N.C.) wood for their June coin show at the Raleigh Money Expo -State Fairgrounds. Obverse artistry is absolutely fine detail – exquisite!



Wood was made by The Old Time Wooden Nickel Company. The club is the Triangle area's largest and long-running coin club having been founded in 1954. The club has issued attractive woods since 1976! Here's their 2015 show wood.





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 TT the success it is!**



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 member of the ONA**



Alexander Muir Reunion

This 5555-001 Newmarket R1 BL / BL 38mm wood is for the Alexander Muir Public School Reunion held in 1976 and there were 7,000 made. This is based on the original school, not the one currently being used. The original school was sold in January 1979. Alexander Muir PS was bought by Peter Milligan, owner of L. Milligan Construction Ltd., from the York County Board of Education but in the face of a zoning controversy. According to then by-law 1967-10 the land was zoned for single and semi-detached houses, however under the Newmarket official plan it was categorized as institutional.

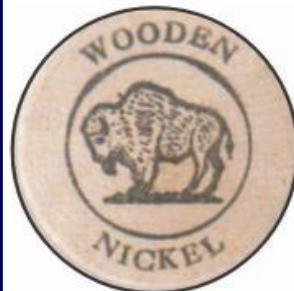


Left old school, below new school, right info on Muir who the school was named after.



1980s Hamilton Woods

544 Barton Street East Hamilton is vacant and the \$299,999 real listing has it as two storefronts with apartments over top and attached to the back of it and parking is behind it. The RCNA, ONA and other numismatic reference sites, do not list the Sovereign Coin & Stamp Club nor dealer but Al Munro confirmed it was a shop (which is shown on this 5400-030 1985 BL / BL R4 38mm wood which there were 500 made). In 1987 we have a Hamilton Coin Club 35th Anniversary wood (5400-031 BR / BL R1 38mm wood which there were also 500 made), so obviously they were two separate clubs. Today, there is still a Hamilton Stamp Club but not at this address.



Do you have any history on the Sovereign Coin & Stamp dealer's ownership? What happened to it, closed, sold, merged?